

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 21, 2004. Claims 1-13 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 12 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections in the Office Action. Applicants have so amended Claim 12 and respectfully believe all the claims in condition for allowance at this time.

In response to the Office Action's objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(o) and 1.84(p)(5), Applicants respectfully request that substitute Fig. 1 including labels be entered. Two (2) copies of substitute Fig. 1 are hereto attached. Substitute Fig. 1 contains no new matter. Applicants respectfully believe the amendments to the specification and the replacement of Fig. 1 with substitute Fig. 1 adequately respond to the objection and request its withdrawal.

In response to the Office Action's objection to Claims 12 and 13 for informalities, Applicants respectfully believe the amendments to Claim 12 adequately respond to the objection and request its withdrawal.

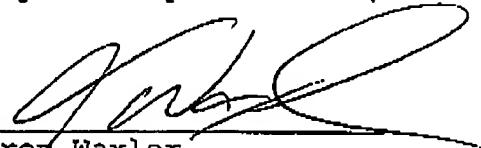
On the merits, the Office Action rejected Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement because the specification failed to enable a person skilled in the art to make the invention commensurate in scope with the claims. Applicants respectfully believe the amendment to Claim 1 adequately responds to the § 112, first paragraph rejection and respectfully requests its withdrawal.

Claims 2-11 and 13 depend from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are believed patentable for at least the same reasons. In addition, Applicants respectfully believe Claims 2-11 and 13 to be independently patentable and request separate consideration of each claim.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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